

**MINUTES  
LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2000  
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS CHAMBERS  
FIRST FLOOR, COUNTY-CITY BUILDING  
1:30 P.M.**

Commissioners Present: Kathy Campbell, Chair  
Bernie Heier  
Bob Workman

Commissioners Absent: Larry Hudkins, Vice Chair  
Linda Steinman

Others Present: Norm Agena, County Assessor  
Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer  
David Johnson, Deputy County Attorney  
Bruce Medcalf, County Clerk  
Gwen Thorpe, Deputy County Clerk

- 1) **MINUTES: Approval of the minutes of the Board of Equalization meeting held on Tuesday, December 5, 2000. (A copy of these minutes is on file in the Office of the Lancaster County Clerk.)**

**MOTION:** Workman moved and Heier seconded approval of the minutes of the Board of Equalization meeting dated December 5, 2000. Campbell, Heier and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.

- 2) **ADDITIONS AND DEDUCTIONS:**

**Approval of 22 additions and deductions to the tax assessment rolls per Exhibit A.**

**MOTION:** Workman moved and Heier seconded approval. Heier, Campbell and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.

3) **APPROVAL OF MOTOR VEHICLE TAX EXEMPTIONS:**

**Cedars Youth Services  
Nebraska Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church (2  
exemptions)**

**MOTION:** Heier moved and Workman seconded approval of motor vehicle tax exemptions for Nebraska Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church and approval of a motor vehicle tax exemption for Cedars Youth Services subject to the vehicle(s) being titled and registered to the applicant. Workman, Heier and Campbell voted aye. Motion carried.

4) **DENIAL OF MOTOR VEHICLE TAX EXEMPTIONS:**

**Sisters of Mary, Queen of Mercy**

**MOTION:** Workman moved and Heier seconded denial of a motor vehicle tax exemption for Sisters of Mary, Queen of Mercy because it was untimely filed (more than 30 days from the date of purchase). Workman, Campbell and Heier voted aye. Motion carried.

5) **NOTICE OF VALUATION CHANGE FOR OMITTED OR UNDERVALUED PROPERTY:**

**Nate L. and Lisa A. Clark**

Norm Agena, County Assessor, recommended a new value of \$86,877.

**MOTION:** Heier moved and Workman seconded to accept the Assessor's recommendation and set the value at \$86,877. Workman, Heier and Campbell voted aye. Motion carried.

6) **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Heier moved and Workman seconded adjournment of the Board of Equalization meeting. Workman, Campbell and Heier voted aye. Motion carried.

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- 2) **CLAIMS: Approval of all claims processed through Tuesday, December 12, 2000.**

**MOTION:** Workman moved and Heier seconded approval. Heier, Campbell and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.

3) **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:**

**A. Recognition of Contributors to the Lancaster County Sheriff's K-9 Program.**

Terry Wagner, County Sheriff, introduced Deputy Brent Moore and their newest canine, Xavier. Recognized for their contributions and support of the Sheriff's K-9 Program were the following individuals:

- < Randy Haas
- < T.O. Haas
- < Sue Bayou, announcer for Froggy 98
- < Splash Gordon, announcer for Froggy 98
- < Patty Fina, Froggy 98
- < Rod Kelly, Program Manager for Froggy 98
- < Greg Wells, General Manager for Triad Broadcasting
- < Mary Vestecka
- < Virginia Cox, D.V.M.

In response to a question asked by Campbell regarding the canine's name, Deputy Moore explained that Xavier was born in Belgium on January 2, 1998 and was also trained there. He noted the original owners in Belgium had given him his name.

4) **PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

**A. A petition from ten percent of the property owners within the Al Larson Subdivision for formation of a Special Paving Improvement District called the Al Larson Subdivision Special Paving Improvement District for the paving of Karlee Drive, Wenzel Drive and Dixie Trail, all located within the Al Larson Subdivision in Lancaster County, Nebraska.**

The Chair opened the public hearing and asked if anyone wished to testify in favor of the proposal.

J. Michael Rierden, attorney representing the property owners, appeared and clarified that the petition pertains to the Al Larson Subdivision only, not Dagley Replat or Irregular Tract, Lot 1.

4) **PUBLIC HEARINGS CONTINUED:**

Rierden submitted into the record two bids which were obtained for the asphaltting of the streets in the subdivision (Exhibit A). One from Dobson Brothers, in the amount of \$53,301, and the other from Pavers, in the amount of \$39,195. Rierden added that the bids were for the asphaltting of Dixie Trail only and explained that they would figure the asphaltting of the remaining streets on a linear foot basis.

The Chair asked if any protests were filed with the Clerk's office.

The Clerk indicated no protests had been filed.

David Johnson, Deputy County Attorney, referred to Resolution 98-1114 and stated that upon closing the public hearing, the County Board should direct the County Attorney's office to draft a resolution which sets the boundaries of the paving district and sets the date for the special election.

The Chair asked if anyone else wished to testify in opposition or in a neutral position.

No one appeared and the hearing was closed.

**MOTION:** Heier moved and Workman seconded to direct the County Attorney's office to prepare a resolution setting the boundaries of the Special Paving Improvement District called the Al Larson Subdivision Special Paving Improvement District and to set the date for the special election. Workman, Campbell and Heier voted aye. Motion carried.

5) **NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. An interlocal agreement with the City of Lincoln to provide wellness and safety services to the County. The County will pay \$1,716.66 for the services. (C-00-597)**

**MOTION:** Heier moved and Workman seconded approval. Workman, Heier and Campbell voted aye. Motion carried.

5) **NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:**

**B. Approval and ratification of the issuance of bonds by the Lancaster County Fairgrounds Joint Public Agency (JPA), in the amount of \$5,000,000, as set forth in the Resolution adopted by the JPA on December 12, 2000.**

Lauren Wismer, bond counsel for the issuance of bonds by the Lancaster County Fairgrounds Joint Public Agency (JPA), explained that one of the conditions for the issuance of bonds by the JPA is the approval of such issuance by the County Board. He added that the bonds have been priced and the resolution has been drafted and approved by the JPA.

Scott Keene, Ameritas, stated the sale of the bonds took place last week. He explained that the proceeds would be deposited with the trustee on December 20, 2000, with final maturity of the bond issue being on December 15, 2010. Keene discussed the ratings for the financing and noted that an A-1 rating was received from Moody's and an AA+ rating from Standard and Poors. Interest rates, he stated, range from 4.4 percent to 4.85 percent, with an all inclusive cost of 5.15 percent. Keene stated there would be a savings of over \$400,000 over the life of the issue because of interest rates obtained and because of the structuring of the transaction. He added that the levy is anticipated at a little over a half a cent per \$100 of valuation.

**MOTION:** Workman moved and Heier seconded approval. Workman, Campbell and Heier voted aye. Motion carried.

**C. A resolution in the matter of designating the following banks as depositories for Lancaster County: (R-00-146)**

<b>Cornhusker Bank</b>	<b>Saline State Bank (Hallam Branch)</b>
<b>Farmers Bank</b>	<b>Security First</b>
<b>Farmers &amp; Merchants Bank</b>	<b>U S Bank</b>
<b>First State Bank</b>	<b>Union Bank</b>
<b>Lancaster County Bank</b>	<b>Wells Fargo Bank</b>
<b>Pinnacle Bank</b>	<b>West Gate Bank</b>

**MOTION:** Heier moved and Workman seconded approval of Resolution 00-146. Heier, Workman and Campbell voted aye. Motion carried.

5) **NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:**

**D. A resolution in the matter of changing the fee for the approval of Special Designated Licenses. (R-00-147)**

**MOTION:** Heier moved and Workman seconded approval of Resolution 00-147.

Heier noted for the record that the fee charged by the County for Special Designated Licenses would now be \$45.

**ROLL CALL:** Heier, Workman and Campbell voted aye. Motion carried.

**E. A resolution regarding procedures and standards for administrating liquor license applications in Lancaster County, Nebraska. (R-00-148)**

**MOTION:** Workman moved and Heier seconded approval of Resolution 00-148. Heier, Workman and Campbell voted aye. Motion carried.

**F. Authorization of Wells Fargo Bank, as Trustee, to disburse \$138,750.11 from the juvenile detention center bond proceeds to Walton Construction, Inc. for grading, sanitary sewer, water main and paving and \$549,714.60 to Cheever Construction Company for General Contractor payment application number ten in relation to the new Juvenile Detention Center. (M-00-109)**

**MOTION:** Heier moved and Workman seconded approval. Heier, Workman and Campbell voted aye. Motion carried.

**G. Designation of the official newspaper(s) for Lancaster County for 2001 for publication of transportation projects. (M-00-108)**

**MOTION:** Workman moved and Heier seconded approval.

Workman noted for the record the names of newspapers being designated as follows:

- < *Journal Star*
- < *Crete News*
- < *The Voice* (Hickman)
- < *The News* (Waverly)
- < *Seward Independent*

**ROLL CALL:** Workman, Campbell and Heier voted aye. Motion carried.

5) **NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:**

**H. Request from the Personnel Policy Board for the following: (M-00-112)**

- < **Creation of Mental Health Managed Care Coordinator classification at a proposed pay grade of \$24,945.44 to \$32,718.40.**
- < **Deletion of the Intake and Records Coordinator classification.**
- < **Amend Rule 11.2 of the Personnel Rules - Reprimand, Suspension, Dismissal, Investigative Leave and Demotion.**
- < **Amend Rule 19.11 of the Personnel Rules - Funeral Leave.**
- < **Amend Rule 14.4 of the Personnel Rules - Layoff.**

**MOTION:** Heier moved and Workman seconded approval. Workman, Heier and Campbell voted aye. Motion carried.

**I. Appointment of Edwin C. Perry, at the rate of \$125 per hour, to represent the Lancaster County Board of Commissioners regarding a request to reconsider denial of voucher number 621-355721, filed by Vincent Valentino on behalf of Kelly Guenzel-Handlos and Elloise Carrico, effective November 16, 2000.**

**MOTION:** Workman moved and Heier seconded approval. Campbell, Heier and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.

**J. A refund request of personal property taxes for 1999 from Jan Burkey, on behalf of Burkey EDM Technology, Inc., in the approximate amount of \$4,000. (M-00-104)**

The Chair noted she had visited with the County Assessor regarding the item and it was his recommendation to approve the refund request.

**MOTION:** Workman moved and Heier seconded approval. Campbell, Heier and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.

**K. A request from Troy L. Monzon, an employee with the Building and Grounds Department, to voluntarily participate in the Lancaster County Retirement Plan. (M-00-111)**

**MOTION:** Heier moved and Workman seconded approval. Campbell, Heier and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.

5) **NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:**

**L. A request from Paul J. Monzon, an employee with the Building and Grounds Department, to voluntarily participate in the Lancaster County Retirement Plan. (M-00-110)**

**MOTION:** Workman moved and Heier seconded approval. Heier, Campbell and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.

**M. A resolution authorizing the installation of a "Stop Ahead" sign south of the northbound "Stop" sign at the intersection of South 98<sup>th</sup> Street and Old Cheney Road in Lancaster County, Nebraska. (R-00-150)**

**MOTION:** Heier moved and Workman seconded approval of Resolution 00-150. Workman, Heier and Campbell voted aye. Motion carried.

6) **CONSENT ITEMS:** These are items of business that are routine and which are expected to be adopted without dissent. Any individual item may be removed for special discussion and consideration by a Commissioner or by any member of the public without prior notice. Unless there is an exception, these items will be approved as one with a single vote of the Board of Commissioners. These items are approval of:

**A. Receive and Place on File:**

- 1. Noxious Weed Control Authority's Monthly Report for November, 2000.**
- 2. Noxious Weed Control Authority's Monthly Report for the Combined Weed Program with the City of Lincoln for November, 2000.**
- 3. Records and Information Management's Monthly Report for November, 2000.**

**B. Setting of a public hearing for Tuesday, January 9, 2000 at 1:30 p.m. in the County Commissioners Chambers, Room 112, on the first floor of the County-City Building regarding County Final Plat Number 99050, Hilltop Estates 1<sup>st</sup> Addition, requested by Brian D. Carstens and Associates on behalf of Bill Carlson, for eight residential lots and one outlot for open space, on property generally located at the northeast corner of South 82<sup>nd</sup> Street and Pella Road in Lancaster County, Nebraska.**

6) CONSENT ITEMS CONTINUED:

- C. A resolution in the matter of County Final Plat 00029, Little Nemaha Lake Estates, consisting of nine residential lots and two outlots on property generally located at the southeast corner of South 141<sup>st</sup> Street and East Shiloh Road in Lancaster County, Nebraska. (R-00-145)
- D. A resolution in the matter of Street Name Change Number 00010, requested by the County Engineer, to rename County Road Number 466 to "West Wendlin Road". (R-00-149)
- E. Right-of-way contracts between the County Engineer and the following relating to road improvements:
  - < Douglas D. Dexter and Brenda S. Spilker, in the total amount of \$1,103.10, at Northwest 12<sup>th</sup> Street and West Davey Road; Project C55-C-407(1). (3 contracts) (C-00-605 through C-00-607)
  - < Hugh F. and Melissa L. Beall, in the total amount of \$2,468.13, on South 54<sup>th</sup> Street from Roca Road to Saltillo Road; Project C55-S-405(1). (2 contracts) (C-00-603 and C-00-604)
  - < Dale E. and Mina M. Etmund, in the total amount of \$1,995.63, on South 54<sup>th</sup> Street from Roca Road to Saltillo Road; Project C55-S-405(1). (2 contracts) (C-00-601 and C-00-602)
  - < Clinton E. and Denise M. Doolittle, in the total amount of \$3,583.13, on South 54<sup>th</sup> Street from Roca Road to Saltillo Road; Project C55-S-405(1). (3 contracts) (C-00-598 through C-00-600)
  - < Max F. and Louise O. Jenkins, in the total amount of \$5,884.50, on South 54<sup>th</sup> Street from Roca Road to Saltillo Road; Project C55-S-405(1). (5 contracts) (C-00-608 through C-00-612)

Larry Worrell, County Surveyor, referred to Consent Item D noting that the County Attorney's office prepared a new resolution to correct the spelling of the street name from "West Wendlin Road" to "West Wendelin Road".

**MOTION:** Heier moved and Workman seconded approval of the Consent Items. Workman, Campbell and Heier voted aye. Motion carried.

7) **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Heier moved and Workman seconded adjournment of the Board of Commissioners meeting. Workman, Heier and Campbell voted aye. Motion carried.

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Bruce Medcalf  
County Clerk